



# SYNOPSIS

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 15, 2016**

### **SB 1005 The President (By Request – Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council)**

#### **JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ACT**

Requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to conduct a specified risk and needs assessment on specified inmates and include the results in a specified case record; altering the manner in which specified diminution credits may be earned; authorizing the Division to develop and modify the conditions of probation or suspension of sentences for the purpose of imposing specified graduated sanctions; establishing the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board and the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CS, CR, CP, HG, SF, SG, and TR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 1006 The President (By Request – Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council)**

#### **JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ACT – CRIMINAL PENALTIES**

Increasing the maximum penalty for second degree murder from 30 years to 40 years; repealing mandatory minimum sentences for specified offenses involving distribution of a controlled dangerous substance; and altering the maximum penalties for specified offenses involving distribution of a controlled dangerous substance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 2-204, 5-607, 5-608, and 5-609 - amended and § 5-609.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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**SB 1007 Senator Peters****MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM AND TRUST**

Establishing the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Program and Trust for eligible private sector employees; establishing the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board to implement, maintain, and administer the Program and the Trust; requiring eligible employees of participating employers to participate in the Program unless written notice to opt out is provided to the employer; waiving a specified processing fee for the filing of specified documents by specified entities under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CA, § 1-203(b)(3)(ii) - amended and § 1-203(b)(14) - added and LE, §§ 12-101 through 12-502 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1008 Senator Cassilly****DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – EVIDENCE OF BLOOD TEST**

Providing that, if a law enforcement officer testifies that the officer witnessed the taking of a blood specimen by a person who the officer reasonably believed was a qualified medical person, the officer's testimony shall be sufficient evidence that the person was a qualified medical person without testimony by the person who obtained the blood specimen; repealing specified procedures relating to the admissibility of evidence of a blood test in a prosecution for specified drunk or drugged driving offenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 10-304(a)(2) and (c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1009 Senator Benson, et al****PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

Altering the circumstances under which a contractor on a public work contract is liable for liquidated damages and the amount of liquidated damages for which the contractor is liable when laborers or other employees are paid less than the prevailing wage rates.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, § 17-222 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1010 Senator Hershey****ENVIRONMENT – MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY CONTAMINATION – REMEDIATION COSTS**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to use the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund for specified purposes and under specified circumstances; requiring, if the Fund is used to pay specified costs, priority be given to costs associated with remediation projects that involve specified technology; requiring the Department to use the Fund to pay for cleanup, corrective action, and treatment of contamination of the water supply of the Town of Chestertown on the detection of a specified contaminant; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, § 4-411(f) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1011 Senator Middleton****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – INDIAN HEAD CENTER FOR THE ARTS RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$130,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Indian Head Center for the Arts, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Indian Head Center for the Arts, located in Charles County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1012 Senator Conway****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – WOODBOURNE CENTER VOCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Woodbourne Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of facilities for the Woodbourne Center Vocational Program, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1013 Senator Conway****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – STONY RUN PATH**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Strong City Baltimore, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a path adjacent to Stony Run, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1014 Senator Pugh****MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT OF 2016**

Establishing the Clean Energy Workforce Account in the Maryland Employment Advancement Right Now Program; providing the Account be used for grants for strategic industry partnerships for pre-apprenticeship job training for careers in the clean energy industry, or to provide pathways to advance existing careers within the clean energy industry; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to include specified information about the Clean Energy Workforce Account in a specified annual report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, PU, and SG, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1015 Senator Waugh****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERMITS, TRAINING, PROHIBITED ACTS, AND VIOLATIONS**

Altering the serving size of a sample serving of beer permitted to be served to an individual by a holder of a Class BWTS beer and wine tasting or sampling license in St. Mary's County; establishing a BWT beer and wine tasting permit in St. Mary's County for specified purposes; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County to issue a BWT beer and wine tasting permit only to a specified license holder; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 28-1306(f), 28-2501, and 28-2802 - amended and §§ 28-1307 and 28-1411 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1016 Senator Manno****MARYLAND WAGE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION LAW – AWARDS OF CERTAIN FEES AND COSTS AND PROHIBITION AGAINST RETALIATION**

Authorizing the court, on a specified finding in an action on behalf of an employee for a violation of the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law, to award the Attorney General reasonable counsel fees and other costs; authorizing the court, on a specified finding in an action by an employee for a violation of the Wage Payment and Collection Law, to award the employee reasonable counsel fees and other costs; prohibiting an employer from taking specified adverse action against an employee under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, §§ 3-507 and 3-507.2 - amended and § 3-507.3 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1017 Senator Pinsky****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MARYLAND MULTICULTURAL YOUTH CENTERS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Latin American Youth Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Center for Educational Partnership of the Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1018 Senator Pugh****HEALTH INSURANCE – SPECIALTY DRUGS – PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES**

Altering the conditions under which insurers, nonprofit health service plans, or health maintenance organizations may require a covered specialty drug to be obtained through a pharmacy participating in the provider network of the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization; altering the definition of “specialty drug”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

IN, § 15-847 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1019 Senator Pugh****FAMILY LAW – GRANDPARENT VISITATION**

Altering the circumstances under which an equity court may grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1020 Senator Pugh****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – AUTHORITY TO ADOPT REGULATIONS – PHYSICIAN LICENSING RECIPROCITY**

Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to adopt regulations that would allow the Board to license an applicant who is licensed as a physician in another state if the applicant meets specified qualification and licensing requirements and the state in which the applicant is licensed offers a specified reciprocal licensing process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HO, § 14-307(j) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED February 12, 2016****SB 752 Senator Klausmeier, et al****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – POLICY CONCERNING SOUND BARRIERS ALONG HIGHWAYS**

Requiring the State Highway Administration, in collaboration with county governing bodies, to develop and adopt by regulation a policy concerning sound barriers along highways in the State; requiring the Administration to conduct a specified study concerning sound barriers along highways in the State and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly; defining a term; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 8-657 - added

Reassigned to: Finance

**SB 856     Senator Kelley, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – HIV TESTING DURING PREGNANCY**

Requiring specified health care providers to obtain consent for HIV testing in accordance with specified provisions of law and to test pregnant patients, except under specified circumstances, during the first and third trimesters of pregnancy; and repealing specified provisions of law made obsolete by the Act.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 18-338.2 - amended

Reassigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 920     Senator Pugh****HUMAN SERVICES – HOMELESSNESS – EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER PLANNING**

Establishing an emergency cold weather council in each county; establishing the membership of emergency cold weather councils; requiring emergency cold weather councils to create specified plans; requiring local administering agencies to provide a specified plan to the Department of Human Resources on or before October 1 each year; requiring local administering agencies to initiate specified plans under specified conditions; requiring specified agencies to collaborate to create a specified reporting system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HU, §§ 6-441 through 6-447 - added

Reassigned to: Finance

**SB 933     Senator Manno****WAR ON CANCER AND DIABETES – AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish and promote a specified public information, awareness, and education campaign on cancer and diabetes; requiring the campaign to reach out to the general public and specified populations, disseminate specified information in a specified manner, and distribute materials free of charge to specified locations; authorizing the Secretary to request the services of interested advocacy groups and to contract for any necessary services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 18-342 - added

Reassigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 955**     **Senator Hershey**

**FEDERAL–AID PRIMARY HIGHWAYS – SIGNS**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a permit for a sign along or near a federal–aid primary highway if the sign is a directional sign for a historic, cultural, or educational site that is naturally suited for outdoor recreation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 8-730 - amended

Reassigned to: Finance